St Gabriel's Church,
Aldersbrook
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Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 14th December

10am Parish Eucharist
Celebrant: Rev. Canon Martyn Hawkes
Deacon: Rev. Amy Taylor

We welcome Luke, his family and friends to the service today as we celebrate Luke's baptism into Christ's church.

11.30am Children's choir rehearsal

This Week

Aldersbrook School Christmas concerts are in church all week
Mon and Tue 10.15am and 2.15pm
Wed and Thu 9.30am and 2.15/2.30pm

Morning Prayer
8.55am Monday, Wednesday & Thursday
In person only and all welcome

Evening prayer
5pm Monday – Wednesday
On zoom and in-person
No Thursday evening prayer this week.

Tuesday
1.30pm Get-together group - a social gathering for company and conversation. Meeting in the choir vestry this week due to the school concerts

Wednesday
11am Holy Communion
12 - 1.30pm Preschool Play Group
3.30pm After School Club

Thursday
10:00 - 11:45 am Open Church
11:45am – 1pm. Meditation and Reflection in choir vestry
1 - 2.15pm Yoga class in church.
No Tai Chi until the New Year

Carol Singing Opportunities
Mon - Wed 15-17 December
7pm - 8.30pm Carol Singing around the parish for The Children's Society. calling all hardy singers and collectors, we need your support! Weather is a little questionable, but we will aim to head out each night unless it is raining hard. Feel free to call Fr Martyn to check, but please do come if you can 07743 785884
Wednesday 7th December
4pm - Aldersbrook surgery - singing a few carols
Monday 22nd December
4pm Carol Singing at Hayter Court

Friday 19th December
6.30pm Christingle Service
Help with this service is always most welcome, especially with refreshments which will take place in the church this year

Sunday 21st December
6.00pm Carol Service
If you would like to read in the service please feel free to talk to Amy or Martyn after church today.

Wednesday 24th December
Morning flowers and church clean (no 11am communion)
4pm Crib Service
11.30pm Midnight Mass

Thursday 25th December
10am Christmas morning mass

Used Stamps
Please collect & bring your used stamps to church to put in the box at the back. These will be sent off to benefit an animal charity. Thank you. Sue Maudsley

Foodbank Update
Thank you for all the fantastic donations over the last few weeks. You have been truly amazing as always! A gentle reminder that the last date we can guarantee Christmas delivery is this coming Tuesday. Happy Christmas!
Helen and the team

Items for weekly notices need to submitted by Thursday evening. (sarabertrand47@gmail.com

Christmas market results
Wow! It looks like a fabulous result for the 2025 event.
We still need to finalise the takings but, subject to further expenses, we have raised approximately £7700 from the market. What a remarkable figure, thanks so much again everyone.

Book Club
The next book club will be on Tuesday 13th January 2026 at 8pm at the vicarage. We will be reading 2 books, feel free to read 1 or both. For advent, 'Listening to the Music of the Soul' by Bishop Guli Francis-Dehqani. For fun, 'An Inconvienent Convent' by Simon Parke.

Saturday 17th January
Advanced notice: Friends of St Gabriel's event - Comedy Night. Tickets will sell fast, so do get your ticket now if you are interested - in advance only. Bit.ly/stgcomedy

Saturday 24th January
Burns Night - save the date, and watch this space for update on getting tickets.

For Our Prayers

For those who are sick:
Saadia Akmal, Michelle Baker, Joyce Demetriou, Peter Ellis, Eileen Galer, Jennifer Hale, Kelly Harmsworth, Nicky Hooper, Faye Jackman, Doreen Karsondas, Janis Lalor, Jack Lewis, John Mitchell, Angela Ng, Shu Fan Ng, Marie Norman, William Starling, Kamalasan Vilait, Julie Waite-Wilson, Anita Watts, Mary Watts, Shirley Yick & those on the Prayer Board

For the recently departed
Philip Hale

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Pam Gadd, Arthur Filer